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SUBJECT: U.S. TRAVEL BY CUBAN NATIONALS

1. EFFECTIVE MAY 4, 1978, THE CUBAN ASSETS CONTROL REGULATIONS WERE AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF A GENERAL LICENSE (SECTION 515.564) WHICH AUTHORIZES TRANSACTIONS INCIDENTAL TO UNITED STATES TRAVEL BY CUBAN NATIONALS HOLDING UNITED STATES VISAS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE GENERAL LICENSE AUTHORIZES TRANSACTIONS INCIDENTAL TO TRAVEL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND POINTS OUTSIDE CUBA, TRAVEL WITHIN THE UNITED STATES AND MAINTENANCE OF CUBAN NATIONALS WHILE IN THE UNITED STATES.

2. THE REGULATIONS WERE ALSO AMENDED BY THE ADDITION OF A STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY (SECTION 515.565) TO ANNOUNCE THE AVAILABILITY OF SPECIFIC LICENSES FOR TRANSACTIONS INVOLVING PARTICIPATION BY CERTAIN CUBAN  
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NATIONALS IN CONNECTION WITH PUBLIC EXHIBITIONS OR PERFORMANCES IN THE UNITED STATES, I.E., ATHLETIC OR CULTURAL EVENTS. AMONG OTHER THINGS, SPECIFIC LICENSES WILL BE ISSUED FOR PERFORMANCE CONTRACTS, TO IMPORT PROPS AND EQUIPMENT, TO HIRE LOCAL EMPLOYEES, ETC.

3. LICENSES WILL NOT BE ISSUED FOR PAYMENTS TO CUBA

FOR TELEVISION RIGHTS, APPEARANCE FEES, ROYALTIES, OR  
PREPERFORMANCE EXPENSES IN CUBA OF CUBANS COMING TO

THE UNITED STATES FOR A PUBLIC PERFORMANCE. SIMILARLY,  
PAYMENTS TO PERSONS IN CUBA FOR THESE PURPOSES IN  
CONNECTION WITH PERFORMANCES OR EXHIBITIONS BY  
UNITED STATES PERSONS IN CUBA WILL NOT BE LICENSED.

4. WITH REGARD TO COMTEMPLATED VISITS TO U.S. BY  
CUBAN ATHLETIC TEAMS, CULTURAL ORGANIZATIONS (BALLET,  
FOLK SINGERS, FILM-MAKERS, ETC.), OR OTHER PERSONS  
WHO ARE EXPECTED TO ENGAGE IN PUBLIC PERFORMANCES IN THE  
U.S., THE INTEREST SECTION IS REQUESTED TO INCLUDE  
TREASURY'S OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL (DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE SYMBOL OF) AS INFORMATION ADDRESSEE FOR ALL  
CABLES ADVISING THAT VISAS HAVE BEEN ISSUED TO PERMIT  
PERSONS IN THIS CATEGORY TO VISIT U.S. THE INTEREST  
SECTION IS ALSO REQUESTED TO ADVISE FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL  
OF THE IDENTITY OF THE U.S. SPONSOR OR COORDINATOR,  
SPONSOR'S ADDRESS, DATES OF TOUR, TYPE OF TOUR AND ITS  
ITINERARY SO THAT HE CAN BE NOTIFIED OF NEED FOR  
TREASURY LICENSE. WHEN FEASIBLE, INTEREST SECTION SHOULD  
ADVISE U.S. SPONSOR OR COORDINATOR OF NEED TO APPLY WELL  
IN ADVANCE OF CUBAN ENTRY INTO U.S. FOR REQUISITE FOREIGN  
ASSETS CONTROL LICENSE COVERING ANY AGREEMENTS WITH  
CUBANS OF A COMMERCIAL NATURE, SUCH AS AGREEMENTS TO  
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APPEAR IN PUBLIC PERFORMANCES IN U.S., APPEAR ON  
TELEVISION, OR ENGAGE IN ANY OTHER PUBLIC PERFORMANCES  
OR OTHER ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL RESULT IN FUNDS BEING PAID  
TO OR FOR BENEFIT OF CUBAN VISITORS.

5. WITH REGARD TO VISITS TO CUBA BY AMERICAN GROUPS  
OF THIS TYPE, A SIMILAR FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL LICENSE  
IS NECESSARY TO COVER ACTIVITIES WHICH CAN RESULT IN  
THEIR BEING PAID FUNDS BY THE CUBAN SPONSORS. AS  
STATED ABOVE, WE WOULD LICENSE SUCH PAYMENTS, BUT WOULD  
NOT LICENSE ANY PAYMENTS TO CUBA BY AMERICAN PERSONS  
FOR RIGHT TO TELEVISION PERFORMANCES IN CUBA OF U.S.  
VISITORS.

6. TREASURY IS ADVISING MAJOR TELEVISION NETWORKS OF  
THESE GUIDELINES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE WHATEVER  
ASSISTANCE INTEREST SECTION CAN PROVIDE TO ENSURE FULLEST  
POSSIBLE DISSEMINATION TO OTHER AMERICANS SUCH AS  
INDEPENDENT PRODUCERS, MOVIE-MAKERS, ETC., WHO  
WOULD NOT NECESSARILY BE INFORMED THROUGH OFFICIAL  
CHANNELS IN WASHINGTON OF THE GUIDELINES.

7. INTEREST SECTION SHOULD ALSO INFORM CUBAN AUTHORITIES  
OF SUBSTANCE OF AMENDMENTS. COPIES OF THE COMPLETE  
TEXT OF THE AMENDMENTS ARE BEING FORWARDED BY POUCH. VANCE

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